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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Gary K. Michelson, M.D.)
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Serial No.: 09/618,566)
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Filed: July 17, 2000)
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For: SINGLE-LOCK ANTERIOR)
CERVICAL PLATING SYSTEM (as)
amended))

Group Art Unit: 3731

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Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figs. 4, 21, 33, 34, 38, 45, 47, 48, 51, 52, 70, and 73 in the above-captioned application be amended as indicated in red on the attached copies of the originally filed drawings.

Upon approval of the proposed changes, applicant respectfully requests that the submission of revised drawings be deferred until after a notice of allowance has issued.

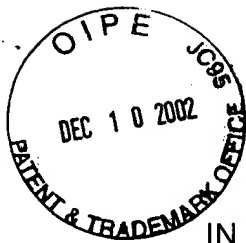
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